



Haunted Halloween - Skull Face

MATERIALS

Pumpkin
Carving knife
Paper to print out template
Thumb tacs or nails
Flour (optional)
Spoon, Large bowl
Candle

INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1 - Prepare your pumpkin

Cut a hole in the top for the lid. Make sure you angle the knife inwards and make it large enough for your hand to fit through. Scoop out the seeds.

Step 2 - Print out the template on 8.5x11" paper

Trim off excess paper and tape the pattern to the pumpkin.

Step 3 - Poke holes through the pattern with a nail, push pin or pumpkin poker

Follow the outline of the white area; the black areas will be what you carve out and the white areas represent the pumpkin. The black details within the white space will also be cut out and are very delicate as they are within the part of the pumpkin that are remaining. Make the holes about 1/8th inch apart or even closer for more detailed areas.

Step 4 - Start Pushing

Remove the paper from the pumpkin and rub flour all over the part where you poked the holes so you can see them better. Push a nail through the pumpkin skin where you want to start carving. Turn and push until it's all the way into the pumpkin, then remove.

Note: You want to do all the pushing before you start carving in all areas

Step 5 - Start Cutting

Using your nail hole as a starting point, cut the design with your carving knife. Start somewhere in the center of the design to keep from putting too much pressure on areas already carved. Use a sawing motion to cut out your design, using very light pressure. When making curves, just slightly turn the saw. To remove pieces, push them out from the inside. For larger pieces, cut them into smaller bits and remove them in pieces.

Step 6 - Finish with the candle

Once all of the black area has been cut out of the template, insert your small candle on the bottom of the pumpkin, light it carefully and replace the lid on the pumpkin.

